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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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OR92-480

Dear Mr. Luna:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 16819.

The Lewisville Independent School District (the "school district"), which you represent, has received a request for information relating to a discrimination complaint filed against the school district with the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights. Specifically, the requestor seeks "the name of the teacher" who filed the complaint. You claim that the name of the complainant is excepted from required public disclosure by section 3(a)(1) of the Open Records Act in conjunction with judicial decisions recognizing the informer's privilege. We have examined the documents submitted to us for review and conclude that the informer's privilege is not applicable in this instance. See Open Records Decision No. 202 (1978) (copy enclosed). Accordingly, the name of the complainant must be released.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with

a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR92-480.

Yours very truly,

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Opinion Committee

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Enclosure: Open Records Decision No. 202

Ref.: ID# 16819

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